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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-7, 9-20, and 22-25 in Paper No. 6 is acknowledged. Claims 1-25 are pending of which claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-25 are now under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 2. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-12, 14-18, 20, 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koyama et al. (US 6,495,253 B1).

Koyama et al. disclose a transparent conductive thin film for use in a liquid crystal display device (Column 1, lines 6-17). Figure 3 of Koyama et al.'s invention shows a transparent conductive film comprising, in order, a transparent conductive film (60) such as an ITO film, an easy adhesion layer (40), a transparent hard coat layer (30), a transparent polymer film (20) and another hard coat layer (50). The transparent hard coat layer comprises a ionizing radiation cured resin as a binder, a matting agent having an average diameter of 1-15 microns and a small diameter matting agent having an

average particle diameter of 5-50nm. The matting agents plays a role of producing very fine and large protrusions and recesses on the surface of the transparent hard coat layer and thus help in preventing glare in the liquid crystal display device (Column 7, lines 3-9 and Column 8, lines 26-45). Examples of ionizing radiation cured resin used in this invention include urethanes acrylates (Column 4, lines 27-32). All limitations of the claimed invention are disclosed in the above reference.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al. (US 6,495,253 B1) in view of Takahashi et al. (US 6,573,958 B2).

Koyama et al., as discussed above, do not teach that the difference in refractive index between the resin of the hard coat and the particles contained in that resin is between 0.03 to 0.10.

However, Takahashi et al. specifically teach that the light scattering properties can be enhanced by keeping the refractive index difference between 0.01 to 0.2.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to keep the difference in refractive index between the resin of the hard coat and the

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particles contained in that resin to between 0.03 to 0.10 given that Takahashi et al.

specifically teach that doing so improves light scattering properties.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Sheeba Ahmed whose telephone number is (703)305-

0594. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am-

6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Paul Thibodeau can be reached on (703)308-2367. The fax phone number

for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)305-5408.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)306-

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